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SUBJECT: LEBANESE LEFT FORMS POLITICAL COUNCIL

1. KAMAL JUNBLATT'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT, AT MEETING JULY 30, ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A "POLITICAL COUNCIL," DESCRIBED AS STEP TOWARDS CREATION OF LEFTIST UNITED FRONT.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND POSITIONS, AS REPORTED BY L'ORIENT LE JOUR JULY 31, AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT: KAMAL JUNBLATT. VICE-PRESIDENTS: ABDEL-MAGID RAFIHI, INAAM RAAD, IBRAHIM KOLEILAT AND GEORGE HAWI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: MOHSEN IBRAHIM. FOLLOWING LISTED AS "CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENT": INSPECTION - MOHAMMED KABBANI; PLANNING - IZZAT HARB; INFORMATION - ISSAM NAAMAN; CIVIL ADMINISTRATION - ALBERT MANSOUR; MILITARY AFFAIRS - DAOUDD HAMED; POPULAR SECURITY - FOUAD CHBAKLO; FOREIGN RELATIONS - KAMAL YOUNES; ARAB RELATIONS - KAHLIL CHEHAB; FINANCIAL AFFAIRS - SELIM CHABBE; POPULAR MOBILIZATION - ISSAM ARAB. FOLLOWING LISTED AS "MEMBERS": OUSSAM FAKHOURY, MOUSTAPHA JOMAA, AND MOUSTAPHA MAAROUF SAAD.

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3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT RPT NOT EXPLICITLY

RELATE FORMATION OF COUNCIL TO JUNBLATT'S ANNOUNCED
INTENT TO ESTABLISH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN LEFTIST-
HELD AREAS, BUT CLEARLY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS ARE
QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL IN CHARACTER WITH PRESIDENT
AND VICE PRESIDENTS CONSTITUTING A KIND OF INNER
CABINET OR SUPREME COUNCIL; "CHIEF OF DEPARTMENTS"
IN ROLES AS MINISTERS; AND "MEMBERS" IN ROLES AS
MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO OR AS SPECIAL ADVISORS.
NOTABLY ABSENT IS ANY "CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT" FOR
PUBLIC SERVICES, ALTHOUGH FUNCTIONS MAY BE COVERED
BY "CIVIL ADMINISTRATION." LIST BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER
SPECTRUM OF "LEBANESE LEFT" FROM HIGHLY-EDUCATED
DEPUTY (MANSOUR) TO NASSERIST STREET GANG LEADER
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